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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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26 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Commandant, Quartermaster Center and School, Office of the Quartermaster General, Regimental Office ATTN: President, DMOR Board, Fort Lee, VA 23801

SUBJECT: Selection and Recognition as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment

- 1. CW4 Harold Sonnier has my highest recommendation to be nominated as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.
- 2. CW4 Sonnier's greatest impact on his professional field has been the mentoring and training he provides to civilians and soldiers. Over the past 8 years Mr. Sonnier has personally trained over 5,000 warrant and commissioned officers. Through a process of continuous improvement, CW4 Sonnier reviewed his teaching objectives and refined training materials. CW4 Sonnier deliberately went outside the box of traditional military instruction to produce more creative and cost conscious warrant officers, lieutenants, captains and colonels.
- 3. Mr. Sonnier is fully qualified and a most deserving candidate to be selected as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment. Recommend that CW4 Harold Sonnier be recognized for his career contributions to the Quartermaster Corps and approved as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment at the earliest practical date.
- 4. The contributions of CW4 Sonnier to the Quartermaster Corps reflects selfless service, dedication and care for soldiers. I strongly support CW4 Sonnier's immediate selection as a Distinguished Member of our esteemed regiment.
- 5. I strongly recommend that CW4 Harold W. Sonnier be selected as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment and hope you will look favorably on his nomination.
- 6. I can be reached at (804) 712-5185; (804) 706-1136, or at: 13701 Nairn Road, Chester, VA 23831.

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PABLO A. BROWN

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United States Army

CW4 HAROLD W. SONNIER

Candidate's Significant Contributions to the QMC

Chief Warrant Officer Four Harold Sonnier service of more than 22 years of outstanding service to the Nation, the Army and to the United States Army Quartermaster Corps warrants his recognition for selection into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

CW4 Sonnier has made significant contributions to the Quartermaster Corps, characterizing his work and performance with a "can do" attitude devoted to the Quartermaster Regiment. He began his military career with the 84th Chemical Company at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Since then, he has served in a variety of career enhancing assignments that include: Battalion Property Book Officer, 2-1 ADA HAWK Battalion; Brigade Property Book Officer, 11th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; Brigade Property Book Officer, 8th MP Brigade, Yongsan, Korea; Brigade Property Book Officer, 31st ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; Assistance Division Property Book Officer/Chief of Edit, 1st Infantry Division, Kissingen, Germany; Brigade S4 Officer, 6th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; and Southwest Asia Theater Property Book Officer, 3rd Army ARCENT CFLCC, Arifjan, Kuwait.

CW4 Sonnier recently completed a critical and demanding assignment in the Middle East where he served as South Asia Theater Property Book Officer for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC). As the Theater Property Book Officer for CFLCC in support of OIF/OEF, CW4 Sonnier was responsible for asset visibility of over 4.3 million items, valued in excess of \$60B and accounted for by more than 3000 organizations.

Respected Army-wide as the Subject Matter Expert on accountability and visibility in Theater, CW4 Sonnier briefed members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committee, Department of Defense-Inspector General, Army Special Operations Logistics Element, Government Accounting Office and G8 Army Equipping Conference. He assisted in drafting the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army's message rescinding Limited Wartime Accountability, the Government Furnished Equipment Policy and the 22 Nov 05 G4 message, entitled "ARMY G4 PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY GUIDANCE".

CW4 Sonnier routinely provided data to DA G4, G8, G3 and LOGSA, providing a better understanding of how accountability and visibility are maintained and the challenges associated with each, allowing senior Army leadership to make informed policy and planning decisions. He established the first SLAMIS Research Cell in the Theater by hosting the training of 35 SLAMIS team members who cataloged over 3,245 items, and continually advised and provided all Property Book Officers asset visibility of TPE, Installation and Organizational property throughover 4,000 reports and 52 updates to the ARCENT webpage.

CW4 Sonnier's technical expertise in supply policy led to the development of the Battle Damage/Battle Loss policy, and developing Theater Retrograde Procedures for the AOR. He has written 10 articles and 2 editorials for the Theater Property Book Newsletter.

Continuation, CW4 Harold W. Sonnier Candidate's Significant Contribution to the QMC

Highlighting an impeccable performance, he assisted in the development of enhanced databases, providing increased access to visibility data in Theater for deploying units through TPE Calculator, Tactical Truck Tracker, and the Deployed Unit Equipment List. CW4 Sonnier is a professional is every aspect, and is an invaluable asset to the warfighter and Army Force Regeneration initiative.

CW4 Sonnier embodies the seven Army values each day through his mentorship, leadership and training initiatives he provides to Soldiers and civilians. During his military career, he has touched the lives of over 5,000 Soldiers in a very real and personal way by personally involving himself in every aspect of their training and development. CW4 Sonnier fully comprehends and embraces the responsibility to train competent and capable leaders who possess the necessary skills, knowledge and abilities to face the Army Transformational challenges.

CW4 Sonnier's involvement in the community has been as commendable as his military obligations. He has played an active role in all Chapter functions for the United States Army Warrant Officer Association. Among them, he supported numerous community projects that includes the "Habitat for Humanity" Program where he and other chapter members assisted in building and repairing homes for disadvantaged residents.

Chief Warrant Officer Four Harold Sonnier has brought great credit to the Army and the Corps and is recognized as one of the Army's premier logisticians. CW4 Harold Sonnier is definitely deserving of this great honor and represents everything that is right about the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME: CW4 Harold W. Sonnier RANK: Chief Warrant Officer Four

ACTIVE SERVICE DATES: 1 May 1984 through 30 September 1992 (Enlisted).

1 October 1992 to present (Warrant Officer).

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LIST OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal.

EDUCATION:

Associates Degree, General Studies (1996) Texas Central College in General Studies

Associates Degree in Business Administration (2004) Grantham University of Louisiana.

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (2005) Grantham University of Louisiana.

Inspector General Course – 2006

Warrant Officer Senior Course - 2004

Contracting Officer Representative Course – 2004

Fundamentals Of System Acquisition Management Course – 2002

Warrant Officer Advance Course - 1999

Logistics Officer S4 Course – 1998

Standard Property Book System Redesign Course – 1996

ASSIGNMENTS:

1993 – 1994, Battalion Property Book Officer, 2-1 ADA HAWK Battalion

1994 - 1995, Brigade Property Book Officer, 11th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas

1995 – 1996, Brigade Property Book Officer, 8th MP Brigade, Yongsan, Korea

Continuation, CW4 Harold W. Sonnier BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1996 – 200, Brigade Property Book Officer, 31st ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas

2000-2002, Assistance Division Property Book Officer/Chief of Edit, 1st Infantry Division, Kissingen, Germany

2002 - 2005, Brigade S4 Officer, 6th ADA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas

2005 – 2006, Southwest Asia Theater Property Book Officer, 3rd Army ARCENT CFLCC, Arifjan, Kuwait.

2006 - to current, Chief of Inspections, Inspector General Office, Fort Bliss, Texas



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HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY CENTER AND FORT BLISS 1733 PLEASONTON ROAD FORT BLISS, TEXAS 79916-6816

January 17, 2007

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Office of the Commanding General US Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss

Office of the Quartermaster General US Army Quartermaster Center and School ATTN: President, DMOR Board Fort Lee, VA 23801-5032

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Chief Warrant Officer Four Harold Sonnier be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment at the earliest opportunity.

Chief Sonnier has made outstanding contributions to the Quartermaster Corps at all levels from Battalion and Brigade to Theater property management with the Coalition Forces Land Component Command. As a subject matter expert, his advice was sought by Army level staff as he helped draft Vice Chief of the Army correspondence on Wartime Accountability. He has shared his experiences in articles for the Theater Property Book Newsletter and helped develop Battle Damage/Loss policy and Theater Retrograde Procedures. His expertise and ability to support our Warfighters has been singularly exemplary.

His assignments have included technical, logistical, as well as supervisory positions. Throughout his career, Chief Sonnier's focus has always been teaching his trade and sharing his extraordinary knowledge of logistics and logistics management. It has been my pleasure at Fort Bliss to have had him serve in several of our Air Defense Brigades as a mentor and coach to Commanders and their staffs. He has continued coaching and teaching as my Chief of Inspections in the Inspector General's Office.

Chief Sonnier possesses outstanding expertise and has flawlessly supported Warfighters throughout the Army. His efforts have contributed directly to ensuring our Soldier's have the best logistics capabilities available today. I heartily recommend Chief Sonnier be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment immediately.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Lennox
Major General, U.S. Army

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Dear Mr. President:

I recommend Chief Warrant Officer Four Harold W. Sonnier be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment at the earliest opportunity.

CW4 Sonnier has served more than twenty-two years flawlessly supporting Commanders and making noteworthy contributions to the Quartermaster Corps. He has impeccably served as a Property Book Officer at Battalion and Brigade and transitioned effortlessly to senior staffs including the Theater level with the Coalition Forces Land Component Command. He perfectly represented the Quartermaster Branch supporting staff actions for the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and briefing members of Congress. His expertise in accountability and property management is superb. CW4 Sonnier routinely works with DA staff to improve procedures and ensure the support of Warfighters. His ability to clearly articulate logistical issues and solutions in professional journals sets him apart from other leaders. His expertise and desire to support our Soldiers has earned him the respect and acknowledgement of senior Commanders.

CW4 Sonnier's assignments have included all positions including technical, logistical, as well as supervisory. His focal point has always been teaching and coaching using his extraordinary knowledge of logistics and logistics management. He has been a valuable team member during his assignments at Fort Bliss. CW4 Sonnier has served with several of our Air Defense Brigades as a Property Book Officer and S4, coaching and teaching Commanders and has returned to Fort Bliss to continue mentoring Commanders and leaders as the Chief of Inspections in our Inspector General Office.

CW4 Sonnier has continually used his expertise to support our Warfighters throughout the Army. His dedication and efforts have lauded senior leaders and Commanders. He has significantly contributed to our Soldiers receiving the very best logistical support available today. I absolutely recommend CW4 Sonnier be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment immediately.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

Inspector General